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1. IN WIDE-RANGING EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH CUNEYT ARCAYUREK, PUBLISHED AUGUST 5 IN MASS CIRCULATION DAILY HURRIYET, TURKISH PRIMIN DEMIREL DISCUSSED HIS NEW GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR CONFRONTING THE NATION'S PROBLEMS, AMONG WHICH HE LISTED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, INFLATION, AND EXTERNAL QUESTIONS AS THE MOST IMPORTANT. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF DEMIREL'S COMMENTS ON FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS. (ECONOMIC TOPICS WILL BE COVERED IN SEPTTEL; THE PROBLEM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WAS MENTIONED BUT NOT ACTUALLY DISCUSSED IN THE INTERVIEW.)

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2. CYPRUS. DEMIREL SAID THAT THE CYPRUS PROBLEM CANNOT BE PUT "INTO THE SAME POT" AS THE US ARMS EMBARGO. ASSERTING THAT "NO GOVERNMENT CAN DO WHAT THE NATION DOES NOT ACCEPT," HE SAID THAT SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM IS NOT DEPENDENT ON TURKEY ALONE. "THE PROBLEM WILL BE SOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATION. THE OTHER SIDE IS NOT AS SINCERE AS WE ARE. THE

PRINCIPLES OF THE MATTER HAVE BEEN SET OUT. GREECE WILL CONTINUE TO RUN AWAY (FROM TALKS) AS LONG AS SHE IS POILED BY THE WEST AND THE US. WE CANNOT FOOT THE BILL FOR THIS BEHAVIOR," DEMIREL SAID.

3. US ARMS EMBARGO. "WE WILL NOT ALLOW OUR DEFENSE FORCE TO BE HARMED. WE WILL RESORT TO EVERYTHING BUT WE WILL NOT BOW OUR HEADS." DEMIREL EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT THE ARMS EMBARGO WOULD BE LIFTED SOON DESPITE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM BUT WOULD NOT STATE THE BASIS FOR THIS BELIEF.

4. ARCAYUREK NOTES IN HIS ARTICLE THAT DEMIREL'S VIEWS ON FOREIGN POLICY APPEAR NOT TO HAVE CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE PAST TWO AND A HALF YEARS, AN OBSERVATION WHICH APPEARS TO BE IN CONFORMITY WITH THOSE OF DEMIREL'S COMMENTS WHICH HE DESCRIBES.
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